

*Shimmering hope  
mingled with ashes  
I hear a word  
as I wander  
this wilderness passage  
BELOVED.  
I am His.  
He is mine.  
Flooded by Spirit  
and waters divine.*

On this first day of Lent, Ash Wednesday, we invite you to journey with us for the next 40 days as we walk the path of the cross, and into the ultimate light of the resurrection. To us, everything hinges on this story, and everything hinges on our response to it.

We enter into this wilderness together - and yet alone - with the only One who can take this journey with us. Mirroring the 40 transformative days Jesus spent in the desert, we willingly say “yes” to being tested, tried, and purified. There is an eagerness to which we enter the wilderness, knowing His powerful presence is with us in it, and when we reach our destination, it will be like knowing Him again for the first time. It will be a path of necessary struggle, and yet fulfilling joy.

Today on Ash Wednesday, we press the mark of the cross on our foreheads, eager for the ashes, eager for repentance.

*“...for dust you are and to dust you will return.” Genesis 3:19*



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